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This message is intended to clarify the requirement for all staff who will potentially work with supervised or incarcerated individuals to be Respirator Ready. This was originally messaged in the March 24, 2022 memo, titled [Updated PPE Matrix – Mandatory N95 Respirator Ready](#). The intent of the direction to become respirator ready is to provide for the safety of our staff, those in our care, and the community.

Respirator ready is defined as an employee who has been medically cleared for N95 respirator use (Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire) but has not yet been fit tested. Not all individuals who are cleared for fit testing will actually get fit tested. When a respirator-ready employee is assigned to a respirator-required area (quarantine and medical isolation), the employee will need to be clean-shaven in the area of the respirator seal and properly trained and fit tested for the appropriate respirator prior to working in that area.